



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Upgrade Finance Department's Itron® Meter Reading System to Year 2000 Compliance (\$ 34,435)

MEETING DATE: October 7, 1998

PREPARED BY: Finance Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment and software upgrades to the Finance Department's Itron® meter reading system from Orcom Solutions of Bend, Oregon, and from Micron Electronics of Nampa, Idaho. The total cost of the upgrade is \$ 34,435.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In June, 1991, the City Council adopted Resolution 91-103 authorizing the purchase of an electronic meter reading system from Itron, Inc., consisting of portable recording devices, uploading systems, and software. This current equipment is not Year-2000 compliant.

Although the current system was purchased directly from Itron in 1991, Itron has since established regional business partners to provide equipment sales and support to utilities with fewer than 30 meter readers; Orcom Solutions is the business partner responsible for California and the Pacific Northwest.


The Orcom-Itron partnership should prove beneficial to the City of Lodi. Because the City currently uses Orcom's utility customer information software (CIS), the Orcom technical staff will support not only the Itron system and our CIS, but will be knowledgeable about the *interaction* of the two systems as well.

The equipment and software system upgrade will cost \$ 29,035, and will consist of one PC (to be purchased from Micron under their CMAS contract), six hand-held data collection devices, cradles for uploading data to the AS/400, one meter probe, data cables and software. Implementation and training on the new devices and software is expected to add an estimated \$4,800, for a total upgrade cost of \$ 34,435.

FUNDING: Electric Utility Capital

  
Funding Approval:  
Alan N. Vallow, Electric Utility Director

  
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

APPROVED:   
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 98-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES TO THE  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S ITRON® METER READING SYSTEM

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, in 1991; the City Council authorized the purchase of an electronic meter reading system from Itron, Inc. consisting of portable recording devices, uploading systems, and software; and

WHEREAS, the current equipment is not Year-2000 complaint; and

WHEREAS, Itron has established regional business partners to provide equipment sales and support to utilities with fewer than 30 meter readers; Orcom Solutions is the business partner responsible for California and the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the City currently uses Orcom's utility customer information software, and Orcom's technical staff will support not only the Itron system and our CIS, but is knowledgeable about the interaction of the two systems and will prove beneficial to the City of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchase of one PC from Micron under their CMAS contract, six hand-held data collection devices, cradles for uploading data to the AS/400, one meter probe, data cables and software, and training on the new devices and software for a total upgrade cost of \$34,435.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the purchase of one PC from Micron under their CMAS contract, six hand-held data collection devices, cradles for uploading data to the AS/400, one meter probe, data cables and software, and training on the new devices and software for a total upgrade cost of \$34,435.00.

Dated: October 7, 1998

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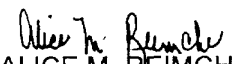
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 98-146, which was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 7, 1998 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members – Johnson, Land, Mann, Pennino and Sieglock  
(Mayor)

NOES: Council Members – None

ABSENT: Council Members – None

ABSTAIN: Council Members – None

  
ALICE M. REIMCHE  
City Clerk